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For:	**ANCHORING SYSTEM FOR INJECTION MOLDED MAGNETS ON A FLUX RING OR MOTOR HOUSING**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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By W.R. Ollis

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56 and 1.97(b), the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheets have come to the attention of Applicant and are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant has identified the references on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto. Copies of the listed references are also included.

German references DE 4401847, DE 19524953, DE 2622585 and DE 3036941 illustrate various types of electrical motors. The motors include magnets, some which are retained on a ring. Generally, the magnets are retained on the ring by friction or adhesives.

Japanese reference 36-8012 illustrates a motor which includes magnets frictionally held onto a ring.

EPO reference 0186530 and German references DT 2155752 and DT 2535210 illustrate manufacturing of rings or motor cans.

French patent 2617344 illustrates a motor stator with encapsulated powder-based magnets. The stator has openings in its frame with beveled profiles and filled by resin which encapsulates each pole magnet.

European patent reference EP 0168743 discloses a stator for direct current micromotors having a tubular or cup-shaped yoke and an annular or ring-segmental plastic magnet which is injection molded or pressed onto the inside of the yoke.

Japanese reference 2-86418 discloses an injection molded plastic magnet which has a ring gate which is kept closed until the runner is filled with resin. Japanese reference 60-131055 illustrates a stator for a magnetic DC unit which has a plastic magnet integrally molded to prevent drop, movement or removal of the plastic magnet.

It is Applicant's opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from these references. The references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the invention obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicant respectfully requests that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, he or she should not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney at (248) 641-1600.

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